

Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this bill does several things. First, it strikes some language that is no longer necessary for the Policy Research Office. The Policy Research Office used to be the State Office of Planning and Programming and they used to have some obligations to keep records on the powers of local political subdivisions and their zoning laws and the like and because of that, there remains some language unnecessary and inappropriate that there's this catalog back information about things that they're no longer interested in. Another thing that the bill does is to strike a section that requires their annual report. They find that there's very little interest in their report and it costs them about \$3,000 a year to prepare it. The report that I am talking about is a computer report to the Executive Board on funding requests. Lastly, there is the creation of a cash fund, the revolving cash fund, to be financed from private grants and federal grants. That cash fund will be used for underwriting trade fairs, conferences and the like, but it will not require state allocation of funds. I would move for the advancement of 421.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Landis, did you touch on the...and explain why we need the \$47,000 a year fiscal note?

SENATOR LANDIS: That \$47,000 a year fiscal note is not a state general fund appropriation.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me take a look at the note if I've got a copy of it here because I'm not sure that I...I've got a fiscal note in my book that says \$2,725 and that's the money that is being struck from the report. On the other side is a cash and revolving fund, those cash revolving funds come from private sources and federal money.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Landis.